

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

September 28, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bold print indicates congregational response.

We acknowledge that our church is on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe. The Puyallup people have lived on and stewarded these lands since the beginning of time, and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgment is one small step toward true allyship and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

The Prelude to Worship

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship

Helen Carpenter

Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

Gather us in, the young and the old.

Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

Gather us in, to know of God's love.

* Song

"Gather Us In"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Helen Carpenter

Response:

... Let us remind one another:

We need you, for in our diversity we reflect the divinity of our Creator.

... And all God's people said:

Amen.

Special Music

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
(Arr. Mark Hayes/ Based on Prayer of St. Francis)

Shepherd Choir

Children's Blessing

Sermon

"Witnessing to the Wider Circle"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Romans 1: 18-32; Isaiah 56:3-8

Song

"You Say"

(see screen)

Prayers of the People

Rev. John Asher

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

***meaning the universal Christian church—all believers in Jesus Christ**

Song

"Come, Jesus, Come"

(see screen)

Community Life

*** Song**

"Good, Good Father"

(see screen)

*** Benediction**

Rev. John Asher

*** Postlude**

We Welcome All

"We welcome all people to worship the living God..."

We want to care for, appropriately and effectively, anyone who wants Shepherd to be their spiritual home. This Spirit-led desire feels even more poignant when we consider those who have been disenfranchised, including those in the LGBTQIA+ community, those born in other places or of a different skin color, those experiencing economic hardship, and others.

To be inclusive means to accept all people as loved by God. We recognize that all who receive Christ belong in the community of faith. We also recognize and honor the rich complexity and diversity of people God calls to our faith community, including people who disagree with this statement. Though not all may agree, we find our unity in Christ who loves each of us and all of us together.

We welcome all people into all parts of the church's life and ministry, including ordained ministry as a Ruling Elder, Teaching Elder, or Deacon. We seek to appreciate the vital worth of each human being, and will intentionally work to provide welcome and inclusion of all people in the life of our congregation.

We live stream each service. By your presence, you agree the church may publish, transmit, or telecast images that may be taken of you for use in communications related to the church. If you prefer to not sit in a visible area, we recommend the section on the right side of the sanctuary when entering. Please reach out to the office with any questions.

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Call to Worship & Burden's Prayer: Adapted from the United Church of Christ's Open and Affirming Coalition liturgy resource found at:

<https://openandaffirming.org/resources/worship/open-and-affirming-sunday/>



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